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1. The loading of 400 to 500 soldiers was observed at the Vogel-sang railroad station on 17 June 1950. There was a farewell ceremony with music by a military band. An officer addressing the men asked for three cheers for Stalin.

 the shipment was the third of its kind to leave Camp Kannenburg. (1)

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2. The arrival of a troop train, coming from the direction of Templin, was observed at the Vogelsang railroad station on 18 June 1950. The train allegedly was the third troop train to arrive there. (2)

3. 22 June 1950 Unit in Teltow West and Unit in Jueterbog. (3)

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4. Ten JS tanks and fifteen trucks were unloaded at the Burg freight yard on 22 June 1950 and driven to the barracks on August Bebelstrasse. (4)

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5. About 400 soldiers with personal baggage and billeting equipment were loaded at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station on 27 June 1950 and left toward Stendal. The baggage had been hauled to the station on trucks.

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(5)

6. Ten boxcars and eleven flatcars were dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder-border to Strausberg on 22 June 1950, consigned to Unit [redacted]. The flatcars carried 4 generators and 10 trucks [redacted]

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officer and five EM wearing red epaulets escorted the shipment. (6)

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7. A troop train of coaches having about 100 axles and carrying an unidentified number of soldiers passed through the Strausberg railroad station on 28 June 1950. The train came from the direction of Berlin and headed toward Kuestrin. Most of the soldiers wore black epaulets, some blue and green epaulets. [redacted] the train was bound for Danzig like two similar trains which passed through Strausberg since 24 June 1950. (7)

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8. Ten flatcars carrying wooden bowls for truck bodies proceeded from Koenigswusterhausen to Markersdorf on 29 June 1950. Consignee was Unit [redacted] (8)

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9. Rail shipments observed between 24 and 28 June included :

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<u>Shipments</u>	<u>From-To and Date</u>	<u>Consignee</u>
32 RR cars with coal	Mueckenberg to Potsdam 24 June 1950	[redacted]
3 RR cars with ammunition	Doeberitz to Buckau- Pramsdorf 25 June 1950	
3 tank trucks with trailers, [redacted]	Dresden-Klotzsche to Wolgast 26 June 1950	
22 RR cars with coal	Mueckenberg to Schwerin and Perleberg 28 June 1950	
20 RR cars with coal	Mueckenberg to Schwerin and Ludwigslust 28 June 1950	

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Comments.

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- (1) Three troop trains would have carried 1,600 to 2,000 soldiers. They were presumably EM due for demobilization who belong to component units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in the Templin area. The soldiers may have been reloaded for the U.S.S.R. in

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- Bad Freienwalde. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (2) Three trains carrying recruits for the units engaged in field exercises in the Templin area. i.e., the 6th Gds Mecz Div, the 25th Tank Div and headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. 50X1-HUM
- (3) [redacted] belongs to a supply office in Jueterbog. [redacted] is assigned to the Potsdam headquarters of the Billeting & Supply Office for the Soviet Zone of Germany and was also [redacted] from Teltow. 50X1-HUM
- (4) Tank shipment of the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army, [redacted]. The regiment was loaded in Burg and left toward Jaevenitz, Letzling Heath, in late April 1950. [redacted] Motor vehicles of the regiment were still observed in Camp Hottendorf, SE of Gardelegen, up to 5 June 1950. [redacted] It is still not known whether the shipment consisted only of damaged tanks and trucks or whether the train was the first of a series returning component units of the regiment from the troop training grounds. 50X1-HUM
- (5) Heading toward Stendal, the train may have gone to Altengrabow, carrying recruits for units of the 6th Arty Div there. A similar train was dispatched from Rathenow on 16 June 1950. 50X1-HUM
- (6) [redacted] belongs to a Strausberg depot and distributing point of AF and ground force units. 50X1-HUM
- (7) The three trains presumably carried EM due for demobilization. It is doubted, however, that Danzig should have been receiving station, since [redacted] all east-bound trains were bound for Insterburg. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (8) [redacted] confirms the Markersdorf spare depot of the Eighth Gds Army up to 29 June 1950. 50X1-HUM
- (9) [redacted] confirms the 119th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 18th Mecz Div in Ludwigslust up to 28 June 1950. [redacted] confirms the 58th Mecz Regt of the 18th Mecz Div in Perleberg up to 28 June 1950. [redacted] belongs to an AF unit in the Peene-muende area. [redacted] was repeatedly observed, also [redacted] in the Potsdam-Doeberitz area and in the Buch laundry. It may belong to a component unit of the 10th Gds Tank Div or the 1st Mecz Div. 50X1-HUM

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